

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010

7:00 P.M. - REGULAR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

Council Chambers, Los Altos City Hall One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California

Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the Environmental Commission regarding any item on this agenda are available to the public on the counter in the main lobby located at One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos CA 94022 during business hours.

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the audience may bring to the Commission's attention any item that is not on the agenda. Please complete a "Request to Speak" form and submit it to the staff liaison. Speakers are generally given two or three minutes, at the discretion of the Chair. State law prohibits the Commission from acting on items that do not appear on the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

These items will be considered by one motion unless any member of the Commission or audience wishes to remove an item for discussion. Any item removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion will be handled at the discretion of the Chair.

Commission Minutes
 Approval of minutes – Regular Meeting of December 14, 2009.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2. <u>GreenTown Los Altos Sustainable Events Program</u>

 Report from GreenTown Los Altos representative on their sustainable events program and progress on working with special events and community organizations
- GreenTown Los Altos Downtown Visioning Report
 Report from GreenTown Los Altos representative on their vision of downtown Los Altos
- 4. <u>Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory Subcommittee</u>
 Report by Environmental Commission subcommittee on progress of the study

- 5. <u>Formation of Environmental Commission Speakers Bureau</u>
 Report by Environmental Commission subcommittee on development of materials for an Environmental Commission Speakers Bureau to speak at events when requested
- 6. Waste Management Services Contract Request for Proposal (RFP)
 Update on RFP process and timelines
- 7. Earth Day Project

Discuss ideas for April 22, Earth Day to educate or achieve waste source reduction for Los Altos

- 8. <u>California First Program for Residential Energy Efficiency Retrofits</u>
 Update on program and participation of City of Los Altos
- 9. <u>Items for Information</u>
 - a. Complete schedule for Environmental Commissioners to attend City Council meetings in 2010, including Joint Meeting of Council and Environmental Commission on Oct. 19, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.
 - b. Town Crier article on Green House Gas Emissions
 - c. Update on Environmental Commission website hits
 - d. Election of Environmental Commission Chair on March 8, 2010
 - e. Meeting with Mayor and Commission Chairs on March 13, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.
- 10. <u>2009-2010 Environmental Commission Goals and Work Plan</u> Review of 2010 goals and work plan

COMMISSION REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City will make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Economic Development Coordinator 72 hours prior to the meeting at (650) 947-2620. A sound enhancement system is available in the City Council Chambers. You may check out headsets, which boost the public address signal during the meeting. Please ask for assistance at the City Clerk's desk PRIOR to the start of the meeting or during a break in the meeting.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009, AT 7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

DeMichiel, Chien-Hale, Rosewater, Labetich, Keller, Bray

ABSENT:

Anderson

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. <u>Commission Minutes</u>

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DeMICHEL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHEIN-HALE to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 9, 2009. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Waste Management Services Contract Request for Proposal (RFP)

Staff report by Engineer Services Manager Jim Gustafson on the progress of the Waste Management Services RFP, change of time-lines and that Consultant Richard Gertman has resigned from the project and a new consultant is being hired. Plans are for a Council meeting on February 23, 2010 for review of initial proposals and recommended vendor and opportunity for public comment.

- 3. <u>International Council for Local Environment Initiatives (ICLEI) Municipal Inventory</u> Staff report by Engineer Services Manager Jim Gustafson. Commissioner discussed an update of the City's LED street light replacement project.
- Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory Subcommittee
 Commissioner Bray presented an update on progress of the community greenhouse gas inventory for 2005 2008. Vice Chair Rosewater presented data on Vehicle Miles Driven for the City of Los Altos.
- 5. <u>Environmental Commission Website Revision</u>

Commissioners discussed the progress of website revisions and their pleasure in the direction the website is going and requested staff present historical data for the website counter at each meeting. City Council needs to review and approve the final presentation.

Formation of Environmental Commission Speakers Bureau
 Vice Chair Rosewater presented and Commissioners discussed the Subcommittee's presentation. Item continued to January 11, 2010 meeting.

- Dialogue with City Council
 Staff presented information regarding Brown Act rules and discussed guidelines.
- 8. <u>GreenTown Los Altos Sustainable Events Program</u>
 Commissioner Labetich will request report from GreenTown Los Altos for the next meeting.
- California First Program for Residential Energy Efficiency Retrofits
 Staff report on participation of City of Los Altos in regional stimulus programs for residential energy efficiency retrofits.
- 10. Santa Clara County Valley Water District Report Staff report on:
 - a. Continue mandatory 15% water reductions
 - b. Model Landscaping Ordinance goes into effect January 2010.
 - c. Graywater Ordinance
- 11. <u>Items for Information</u>

Staff report on:

- a. New Mayor and New Mayor Pro Tern Term Remarks, November 24, 2009
- b. Los Altos Garbage Company name change to Recology
- c. Meeting with Town Crier staff reporter Jana Seshadri to discuss ICLEI Report, water conservation, revised Environmental website, LED streetlight replacement programs, residential energy reduction retrofit programs
- d. Egan Jr. High students Earth Day Project tree planting at Redwood Grove
- e. Complaint by Citizen on Sprinkler Overspray actions taken
- 2009-2010 Environmental Commission Goals and Work Plan
 Commissioners reviewed 2010 goals, work plan and matrix of environmental topics

COMMISSION REPORTS AND DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

J. Logan, STAFF LIAISON

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J Logan

From:

Karen Janowski [kj@ecostrategygroup.com]

Sent:

Thursday, April 09, 2009 11:29 AM

To:

J Logan

Cc:

Kacey Fitzpatrick; Margaret Suozzo

Subject:

For the Env. Comm. - waste management at special events

Attachments: Waste Management at Events 4-9-09, follow up to 3-9-09 memo.pdf

Hi J -

Attached is a letter from Margie Suozzo and me providing an update on the waste management request I made at the last Environmental Commission meeting on 3/9. Could you please include this in the packet for the commission's next meeting?

Thank you , KJ

EcoStraters.

Karen Janowski 650.947.9800 KJ@EcoStrategyGroup.com



April 9, 2009

Stephen Anderson Chairman Los Altos Environmental Commission One North San Antonio Road Los Altos, CA 94022

Dear Commissioner Anderson -

At the March 9, 2009 Environmental Commission meeting, GreenTown Los Altos proposed a code change modification to the municipal code to ensure that event planners provided a waste management plan. The primary goal of this request was to provide the City a tool for ensuring that Los Altos event planners considered waste reduction strategies and provided recycling, and eventually composting, at their events.

Since then, on April 3, GreenTown Los Altos met with a business group facilitated by Nancy Dunaway of the Los Altos Village Association, that included members of the Los Altos Village Association, the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club and planners of other Los Altos events, such as the Festival of Lights Parade, the Pet Parade and the Community Picnic. Each organization responsible for event planning expressed an interest in working with GreenTown Los Altos to "green" its event, but collectively this group was not supportive of GreenTown's request for a municipal code change.

As a consequence, GreenTown would like to withdraw its request for a municipal code change at this time in favor of working with the business community to green individual events. GreenTown is currently working with the Rotary Club and their Fine Art in the Park event planners to reduce and divert waste from that particular event. Following that event, most likely in a June meeting, we will be sharing lessons learned with this same group of businesses and will provide a report on this subject to the Environmental Commission.

We are still requesting that the Environmental Commission take the following actions outlined in our letter presented at the 3/9/09 Environmental Commission meeting:

- Recommend that the City Council request that recycling and composting services for permitted special events be included in the upcoming Request for Proposal for the new waste contract.
- Provide a guide to event planners on purchasing and waste management practices
 that support maximal waste reduction, recycling and composting. Make this
 guide available on the Los Altos Environmental Commission website.
 (GreenTown Los Altos volunteers can provide this guide for the Commission's
 use.)

Thank you for considering these ways to help Los Altos reduce and divert waste.

Sincerely, Karen Janowski Margie Suozzo

Kacey Edzpatrick

Advisory Board

Paul Blumcostem

Peter Dalten

Steve Anderson

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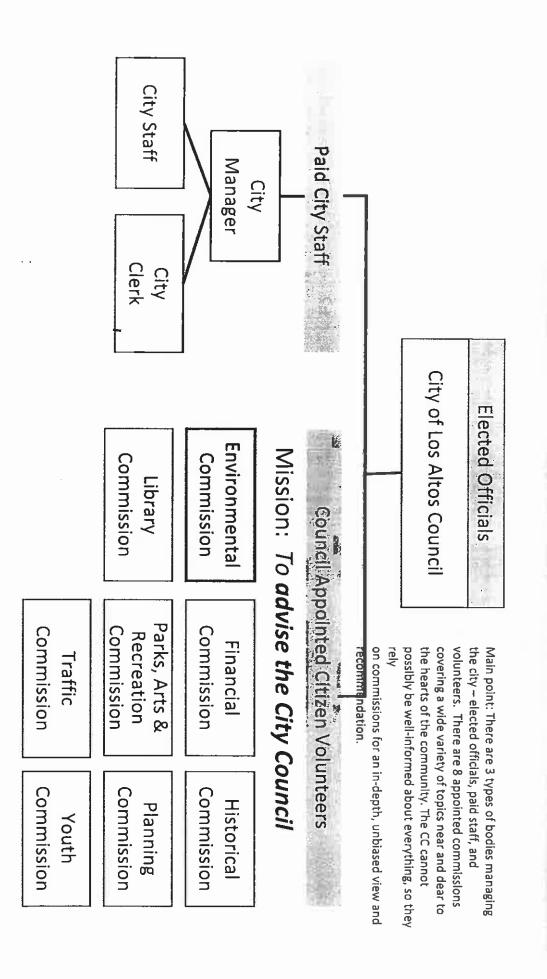
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Environmental Commission City of Los Altos

City of Los Altos Governance Structure



Main point: We are NOT the same as a community volunteer group. People often confuse the two. Very different

Environmental Commiss often confuse the two. Very different purposes, activities, constraints.

Governance Agenda items only, (3) Informal discussion between > 3 members prohibited. All actions must be approved by City Council Budget authorized by City Council Subject to all Brown Act provisions: (1) Publicly Noticed monthly meetings. (2) No legislative limit on number of meetings, topics discussed, or informal meetings.	appointed by Council to research topics in the areas nmission by Council, to ensure that they understand all ics, and to present balanced recommendations that fully considered judgment of what is best for the community ong run. Hence they are not advocacy groups." *	The mission of the Los Altos Environmental Commission is to advise the City Council on issues related to environmental sustainability, including: (1)Evaluation and recommendation of policies and programs to make Los Altos an environmentally sustainable place to live and work. (2)Provide public information and education regarding environmentally sustainable lifestyles	Environmental Commission Comm Non-Pi	is not a Community Volunteer
	Decide policy / strategy. Develop and manage resulting programs.	City os Altos	Community Volunteer / Non-Profit Groups	unteer Group

^{*} Source: Commission Handbook

2008/2009 Results

- Request for Proposal (RFP) Waste Management: 2009/2010 recommendations incorporated into
- Hazardous Waste: Los Altos Hazardous Waste Disposal Directory created and published
- goals Housing Element: updated to incorporate water and energy conservation
- Plastic Bag Ban Education Program: input to City Council

J – anything we can say about what the input was?

- Water conservation Resolution and public education
- Municipal Greenhouse Gas (GHG) inventory completed
- Environmental Website enhancements (www.losaltosenvironment.org

Maybe "Agenda and materials on website" can be a talking point? We also have it on the last

J – left out "Community
GHG Inventory" as It's not
complete

Waste Management Highlights

Waste Request for Proposal (RFP) recommendations to City Council

- Los Altos should adopt the following waste management goals
- 75% diversion by 2013; 100% diversion 2020
- Reduce total waste by 5% by 2013
- Reduce toxins in the environment generated from improper disposal of household hazardous waste and universal waste (U-waste)

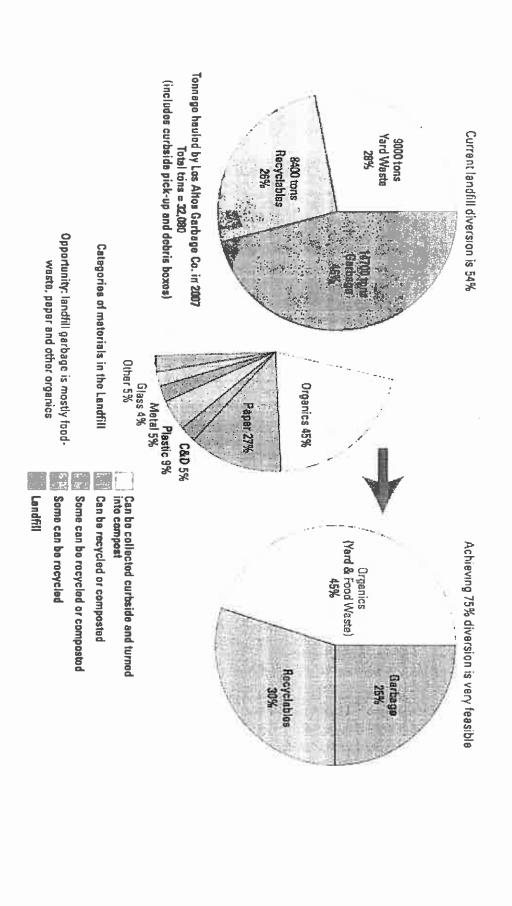
The Los Altos Waste Management RFP should include the following:

- Weekly residential foodwaste and compostables collection
- Weekly recyclables collection in standardized rolling bin
- 3.Implement smaller garbage can size options
- 4. Make side-yard garbage pick-up an optional service
- 5. Collect commercial food waste & compostables
- 6. Standardize commercial and multi-tenant recycling pickup
- 7. Public education and outreach program (in waste contract)
- 8.Bins for recycling/compostables in commercial & public spaces
- Structure contract with incentives for landfill diversion

J – the Hazardous waste one was not in our memo to Council of Jan 17. Don't recall why it wasn't.

Input from GreenTown Los Altos - Dec 2008

Recycling organics – food mainly – could keep almost half of our garbage out of the landfill.



Hazardous Waste Disposal

with many downtown vendors providing recycling drop-off services. Most hazardous materials can be recycled within 10 minutes of Los Altos,

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	For More Listings Just a list in the second section events throughout the year	Cell Phones
	g) Palo Alto Recycling Center, 2380 Embarcadero, PA h) For more listings	
Yes	f)Kragen Auto Parts, 2620 California Street, MV; 1915 W El Camino Real, MV	Batteries - Automotive
Yes	 c) Los Altos Hardware, 441 1st Street, LA d) Radio Shack, 1350 Grant Rd, MV e) For more listings 	Batteries – household (not automotive)
Yes	 a) Palo Alto Recycling Center, 2380 Embarcadero, PA b) For more listings 	Anlifreeze
County HHW Facility (1):	Local Drop off Locations Note: All Los Altos vendors listed on the Santa Clara County website are listed here. If there were no Los Altos options, the next closest vendor was selected. If you would like to participate, click here for the county website and contact information.	Hazardous Waste Item (More listings)

J – Updated.

See http://www.losaltosenvironment.org/ for complete listing

Current Environmental Commission

Commission Members

- Steve Anderson Chair
- Patty Rosewater Vice Chair
- Don Bray
- Elizabeth Chien-Hale
- Linda DeMichiel
- Chris Keller
- Ron Labetich

Staff Liaison: J. Logan, Assistant City Manager

2009/2010 Work Plan

- Los Altos Waste Contract
- RFP Priorities
- Smooth Transition
- Community Education
- Greenhouse Gas (GHG)
 Inventories
- Municipal
- Community
- Water Conservation
- 2004 Baseline
- Community Education

How can we best serve you?

Do you have ideas / proposals for consideration related to preserving the environment for Los Altos?

- —Education / Outreach
- —Policy
- —Legislation
- -Web site content

- Come to our regular monthly meeting, utilize opportunity for public comment
- Send an e-mail to environmental@losaltosca.gov
- Talk to any Environmental
 Commissioner, City Council Member, or city staff member.

Do you need information

regarding envi programs in Lo

- Visit our web site regularly at http://www.losaltosenvironment.org
- Environmental Commission agendas and materials are posted at http://www.ci.los-altos.ca.us/committees-commissions/environmental/meetings.html

Are you interested in serving?

Commission Structure

- 7 members
- 4 year terms
- Meet 2nd Monday of each month for 2-3 hours
- < 10 hours per month including Commission meetings
- Opportunity to be appointed to subcommittee to work on assigned projects

Application Process

- Application, turn in to City Hall Contact the City Clerk at 947-2720 or go directly to http://www.losaltosca.gov/committees-commissions to fill out
- All candidates interview by City Council
- City Council selects Commissioners
- **Next Environmental Commission opening in 2011**



AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: January 12, 2010

SUBJECT: CaliforniaFIRST Grant Program

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the following resolutions authorizing participation with the CaliforniaFIRST energy efficiency grant program:

- A. Resolution No. 2010-03 authorizing the City of Los Altos to participate in the California FIRST grant program, and related actions; and
- B. Resolution No. 2010-04 authorizing the County of Sacramento to apply for funding on behalf of the City of Los Altos.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT	ATTACHMENTS	PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
AMOUNT: Not Applicable	Walgren Agenda Report	January 6, 2010
BUDGETED:	Resolution No. 2010-03	
Not Applicable	Resolution No. 2010-04	
FUNDING SOURCE: Not Applicable	Memorandum to City Managers dated November 14, 2009	PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION
		Not Applicable
:		CEQA STATUS
		Not Applicable

James Walgren, Assistant City Manager

Date

Douglas J. Schmitz, City Manager

Date formany 10



DATE:

January 12, 2010

TO:

City Council

FROM:

James Walgren, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT:

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BACKGROUND

This staff report provides the background of a pilot program being developed to provide financing to property owners for renewable energy, energy efficiency, and water efficiency projects. At this time, staff is asking for Council's approval to participate in this program by adopting the attached resolutions. Previously, staff submitted two letters of support for the programs – these letters did not bind the City in any way to participate, but do now allow the City to participate. If these letters of support had not been submitted, Los Altos residents would not be eligible for the programs. Even after approving the resolution, the City can withdraw from the pilot program at any time by passing a resolution rescinding the authorization.

AB 811 was passed in July 2008 and allows local governments to form assessment districts that allow property owners to install renewable energy and energy efficiency improvements on their properties and pay for the cost of the projects over time. CaliforniaFIRST is a pilot program in development by California Communities, a JPA of local governments. California Communities will create an assessment district, authorized by AB 811, whereby commercial and residential owners can finance 100 percent of the upfront capital costs of renewable energy, energy efficiency, and water efficiency projects and repay the amount financed on their property tax bill over 20 years. Property owners select the type of projects they wish to install and program participation is voluntary. California Communities has selected Renewable Funding LLC and RBC Capital Markets to provide administration and financing for the program. Cities and counties must adopt a resolution to "opt in" to the CaliforniaFIRST program for their residents and businesses to have access to this financing.

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The attached resolutions will authorize California Communities to accept applications from owners of property within the City of Los Altos for municipal financing of renewable energy, energy efficiency, and water efficiency improvements through the California FIRST Program, and conduct assessment proceedings and levy assessments against the property of participating owners within the City limits. It will also authorize miscellaneous related actions, make certain findings and determinations required by law, and authorize payment of a set-up fee to cover legal, procedural, and technology costs associated with the California FIRST Program. California Communities will undertake a judicial validation proceeding as part of its initiation of the California FIRST Program.

FISCAL IMPACT

Community Development staff anticipates minimal time devoted to this program beyond this startup effort. The grant funds a full-time County of Santa Clara position to administer the program for County cities and to implement public outreach.

Attachments

- 1. Resolution No. 2010-03
- 2. Resolution No. 2010-04
- 3. Memorandum to City Managers dated November 14, 2009

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-03

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS TO JOIN THE CALIFORNIAFIRST PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FROM PROPERTY OWNERS, CONDUCT CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENT PROCEEDINGS AND LEVY CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTIONS

WHEREAS, the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (California Communities) is a joint exercise of powers authority the members of which include numerous cities and counties in the State of California including the City of Los Altos; and

WHEREAS, California Communities has established the CaliforniaFIRST Program to allow the financing of certain renewable energy, energy efficiency and water efficiency improvements through the levy of contractual assessments pursuant to Chapter 29 of Division 7 of the Streets and Highways Code and the issuance of improvement bonds under the Improvement Bond Act of 1915 (Streets and Highways Code Sections 8500 and following) upon the security of the unpaid contractual assessments; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 29 provides that assessments may be levied under its provisions only with the free and willing consent of the owner of each lot or parcel on which an assessment is levied at the time the assessment is levied; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Altos desires to allow the owners of property within its jurisdiction to participate in the CaliforniaFIRST Program and to allow California Communities to conduct assessment proceedings under Chapter 29 and to issue Bonds under the 1915 Act to finance the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, California Communities will conduct assessment proceedings under Chapter 29 and issue Bonds under the 1915 Act to finance Improvements;

WHEREAS, there has been presented at this meeting a proposed form of Resolution of Intention to be adopted by California Communities in connection with such assessment proceedings, and the territory within which assessments may be levied for the California FIRST Program shall include all of the territory within the City's official boundaries of record; and

WHEREAS, the City will not be responsible for the conduct of any assessment proceedings; the levy or collection of assessments or any required remedial action in the case of delinquencies in such assessment payments; or the issuance, sale or administration of the Bonds or any other bonds issued in connection with the California FIRST Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 6586.5, a notice of public hearing has been published once at least five days prior to the date hereof in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and a public hearing has been duly conducted by this City Council concerning the significant public benefits of the California FIRST Program and the financing of the Improvements;

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Secretary of California Communities.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a regular meeting thereof held on the 12th day of January, 2010 by the following role call vote:

AYES:		
NOES:		
ABSENT:		
ATTEST:	David C. Casas, MAYOR	_
Susan Kitchens, CITY CLERK		
Date:		

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-04

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO TO APPLY FOR FUNDS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS

WHEREAS, the California Statewide Communities Development Authority ("California Communities") is a joint exercise of powers authority the members of which include numerous cities and counties in the State of California including the City of Los Altos; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Altos recognizes that it is in the interest of the regional, state, and national economy to stimulate the economy; create and retain jobs; reduce fossil fuel emissions; and reduce total energy usage and improve energy efficiency within our jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, State Energy Program (SEP) funds are available through the California Energy Commission's SEP for grants to eligible local governments for energy efficiency, energy conservation, renewable energy, and other energy-related projects and activities authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("ARRA"); and

WHEREAS, SEP allows for cities, counties, or groups of cities and counties in California to apply for SEP funds on behalf of eligible local governments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Altos is eligible for SEP funding under the California Energy Commission's SEP; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Altos is proposing to collaborate with the County of Sacramento to implement a program for financing the energy efficiency, energy conservation, renewable energy, and other energy-related projects and activities authorized by ARRA for the purpose of qualifying for SEP funds from the California Energy Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Altos has considered the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the approval of the program for financing energy efficiency, energy conservation, renewable energy, and other energy-related projects and activities authorized by ARRA; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with the CEQA, the City of Los Altos finds that the approval of the program for financing energy efficiency, energy conservation, renewable energy, and other energy related projects and activities authorized by ARRA is not a "project" under CEQA, because the program does not involve any commitment to a specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, as contemplated by Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15378(b)(4)).

Be it also resolved, that the City of Los Altos authorizes the County of Sacramento to submit a collaborative application on its behalf to the California Energy for SEP funds for the program for financing energy efficiency, energy conservation, renewable energy, and other energy related projects and activities authorized by ARRA. Be it also resolved, if recommended for funding by the California Energy Commission, the City of Los Altos authorizes Santa Clara County to accept a grant award on its behalf and to enter into all necessary contracts and agreements, and amendments thereto, on its behalf to implement and carry out the program for financing the project.

ATTACHMENT 3

County of Santa Clara

Office of the County Executive

County Government Center, East Wing 70 West Hedding Street San Jose, California 95110 (408) 299-5105



Memo to City Managers From Jill Boone, Climate Change and Sustainability Manager, Santa Clara County November 14, 2009

Two State Energy Program (SEP) Grant Opportunities and Programs

Background

Federal stimulus money has been directed to the California Energy Commission (CEC) for distribution. The CEC set up a grant process for \$93 million that will be distributed statewide for three types of programs: SEP 1 – AB 811 or PACE programs; SEP 2 – residential retrofit programs; SEP 3 – commercial/municipal programs. This memo covers SEP 1 and 2 joint applications. Grant funds need to be expended by March 2012.

SEP 1

Recent legislation (AB 811) and federal interest in PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) programs has created the possibility of new financing opportunities aimed primarily, but not exclusively, at residential energy retrofits and renewable energy systems. If a County provides a PACE program, homeowners would be able to finance retrofits and solar installations through property assessments that are then paid for with their annual property taxes. The assessment would be based on property value, not personal credit, and the debt remains with the house if it is sold, not the original owner.

SEP 1 offers funding to support the implementation of these programs.

California FIRST is a turnkey and low risk AB 811 program being launched by CSCDA (California Statewide Communities Development Authority, a JPA of local governments, also known as California Communities). The pilot, which may include up to 14 counties statewide and their cities, will provide assessment loans for homes implementing major energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

Santa Clara County is currently one of the 14 counties that will participate if legal, financial and political review of documentation does not create concerns. If Santa Clara County participates, all cities in the County are eligible to participate, but must submit letters of commitment if interested.

CSCDA has asked the County of Sacramento to submit an SEP 1 grant application on behalf of all the pilot counties. This grant application, if awarded, will lower the interest rates for

Board of Supervisors: Donald F. Gage, George Shirakawa, Dave Corlese, Ken Yeager, Liz Kniss County Executive: Jeffrey V. Smith

- representative. Please mail this letter to Renewable Funding, Attn: Annie Henderson, 1746 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612 and send a copy to me.
- b. ABAG letter may be signed by city manager; due date in December. Draft letter is attached and has been provided electronically to each city representative. Please email this letter to Association of Bay Area Governments, Attn. Jerry Lahr, 101 Eighth St., Oakland CA 94607 and send a copy to me.
- 2. Official Resolutions. Resolutions passed by City Councils and the Board of Supervisors will need to be adopted in January 2010. Draft resolutions will be provided for each of the following:
 - a. Resolution to participate in the pilot California FIRST program.
 - b. Resolution for the County of Sacramento to apply for funding on behalf of the pilot counties.
 - c. Resolution to participate in the regional grant application by ABAG and in the countywide residential retrofit program.
- 3. Before receiving the grant funding, an MOU between city and County may be requested that covers any agreement in how the programs are organized, any actions requested of the cities (as covered in following points), and which grants the County fiscal responsibility for receiving the grant funding on behalf of the cities and the County.
- 4. As a participant in the ABAG proposal, cities agree to not submit competing grant applications for residential retrofits.
- 5. There is no matching funds requirement, nor any staff time requirements. The programs, grant management, contract management, countywide marketing and administrative tasks will be managed by the County. However, each city will assign a representative to an Advisory Council, who will be encouraged to participate in making collective decisions about how to develop and implement these programs. Participation will be through an e-group and monthly meetings as needed.
- 6. Cities will be asked to help promote the programs through their websites, newsletters, email lists, announcements, etc.
- 7. Cities may be asked to provide information on residential programs they are managing locally.
- 8. Funding that is allocated for residential retrofit programs by a city will be included as leveraged funding as part of the grant application.

Ouestions?

Jill Boone: jill.boone@ceo.sccgov.org or 408-299-5164.

County of Santa Clara 70 W. Hedding, 11th floor San Jose, CA 95110



MEMORANDUM

DATE:

January 7, 2010

TO:

Environmental Commission

FROM:

J. Logan, Assistant City Manager

Staff Liaison to Environmental Commission

SUBJECT:

City Council Meeting Assignments – 2010 Schedule

City Council Assignments for this year:

January 12, 2010	Patty Rosewater
January 26, 2010	Don Bray
February 9, 2010	Steve Anderson
February 23, 2010	Patty Rosewater
March 9, 2010	
March 23, 2010	Patty Rosewater
April 13, 2010	
April 27, 2010	Steve Anderson
May 11, 2010	Don Bray
May 25, 2010	
June 8, 2010	
June 22, 2010	
July 27, 2010	
August 24, 2010	
September 14, 2010	
September 28, 2010	
October 5, 2010	Special joint commission meetings
October 12, 2010	
October 19, 2010	Special joint commission meetings with EC at 5PM
October 26, 2010	
November 9, 2010	
November 30, 2010	Special meeting to reorganize dais
December 14, 2010	
(only one regular meeting scheduled in July,	
August and December)	

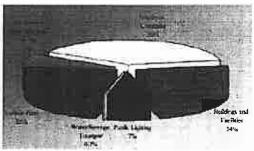
[→] These meetings deviate from the regular 2nd and 4th Tuesday meeting schedule.

Regular Council meeting are scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. If you are unable to attend one of the City Council meeting to which you are assigned, please make arrangements for another commissioner to attend in your place. Also, please notify Susan Kitchens at 947-2611, of the changes so the City Council agendas will accurately reflect the Environmental Commission representative.

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Los Altos looks to reduce gas emissions

Written by Jana Seshadh Thein Union Staff White WEDNESDAY, 30 DECEMBER 2009



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While already engaged in climate-change mitigation activities, the city of Los Altos is exploring ways to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions in an ongoing effort to combat global warming.

Efforts include adopting mandatory green building codes, banning gaspowered leaf blowers, purchasing two hybrid pool cars, replacing incandescent lights with fluorescent lights in some building facilities and on pathways, adopting a goal to reduce water consumption by 15 percent, replacing 1-ton diesel trucks with gas-powered trucks and requiring new commercial construction to be 15 percent more energy efficient than mandated by California energy codes.

The city plans to engage in additional conservation and emission-reduction practices, according to J. Logan, assistant city manager.

In June 2005, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger established three core carbon dioxide and gas emission-reduction targets for cities in the state. Los Altos has aligned its goals to those of the state.

"Our aim is to reach our goal of 20 percent conservation and 20 percent reduction of greenhouse gases by the year 2020," Logan said. "In addition, we aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050."

As a first step in the climate protection initiative process, city officials

conducted an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions for Los Altos municipal operations based on 2005 data. Results of the inventory formed a baseline against which Los Altos plans to take action to address problems associated with emissions.

Employee commutes registered the highest emissions at 39 percent, operation of city buildings and facilities second at 24 percent and operation of the city's vehicle fleet third at 23 percent, according to the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives report.

"City officials and employees are open to exploring ways to reducing employee commutes," Logan said. "Alternative work schedules are options as long as this does not impact service levels to the public."

In addition to reducing greenhouse gases, reductions in municipal energy consumption and waste generation should potentially reduce the city's expenditure on energy for government operations.

The city is currently working with PG&E on the feasibility of a streetlight replacement project to lower energy costs.

"Los Altos is eligible to apply to the Department of Energy for \$156,000 in grant money under the stimulus (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) funds," Logan said. "City staff is examining the possibility of replacing current street lights with LED lights, which would result in significant savings."

Of the approximately 750 streetlights in Los Altos, 102 are eligible for replacement under the Turnkey Program offered by PG&E, according to a report by Brian McCarthy, maintenance services manager. The city is exploring ways to replace the remaining lights, McCarthy wrote.

Los Altos is currently reviewing a new solid waste service contract for collecting recyclables, yard waste and garbage, preferring a proposal that would divert the most materials cost effectively. Staff will make recommendations to the council next month, with operations under the new contract scheduled to begin Sept. 15.

Tackling global warming on many internal fronts, Los Altos is considering regional initiatives to address larger issues through climate-protection partnerships, according to Logan.

The rise of average global surface temperatures may be intensified by human activities that release carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, such as burning of fossil fuels for transportation, electricity and heat. As the Earth's surface traps more heat within its atmosphere, alterations to the climate are expected to be serious: more intense storms, more pronounced droughts and coastal areas more severely eroded by rising seas, according to

environmentalists.

Following the United Nations Climate Change Conference held in Copenhagen, Denmark, this month, some nations have pledged to engage in more stringent preservation and conservation efforts in an effort to change the course of their environmental future.

Although the environmental initiative inventory did not include statistics for greenhouse gas emissions from the larger Los Altos community, the Los Altos Environmental Commission is exploring ways to calculate a community inventory.

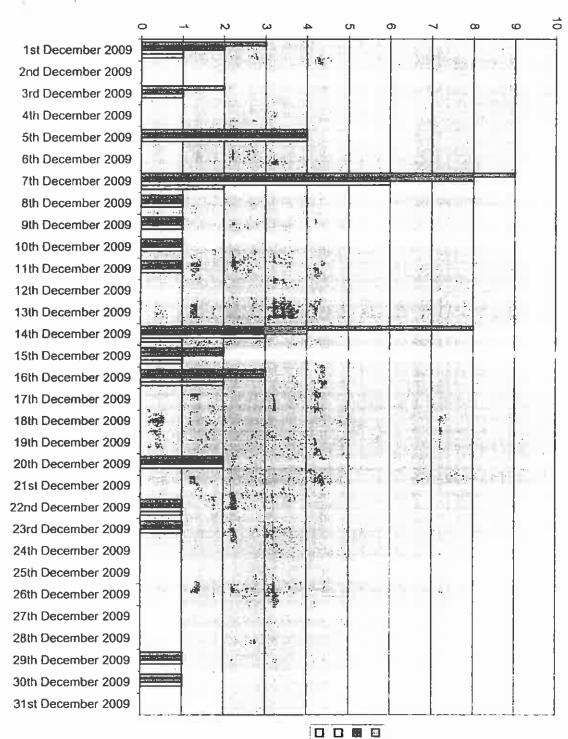
"We have confidence in our community," Logan said. "We know our residents want to preserve the environment."

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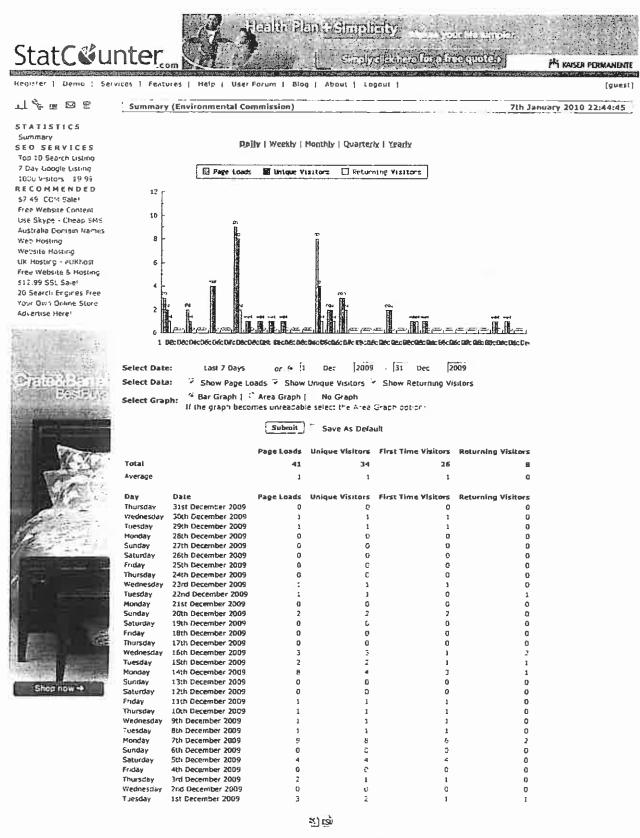
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